

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A safety locking mechanism for in combination with a receptacle or ~~other object~~ compartment with a movable member in a vehicle, the receptacle or other object being movable back and forth between an opened and a closed position, the safety locking mechanism comprising:

a mass, which is movably guided by a guide means from a basic position into a deflected position, wherein the mass holds the receptacle or other object closed when the mass is moved into the deflected position, and

a device which holds the mass in the basic position when no acceleration or deceleration acts in the deflection direction on the mass,

wherein the safety locking mechanism comprises

an engaging device, which holds the mass in the deflected position, and

a restoring device, effective in response to an overpressure applied to the receptacle or other object, to direct the mass as held by the engaging device in the deflected position into the basic position.

2. (Currently Amended) A safety locking mechanism according to claim 1, wherein a damping element acts against the application of an overpressure to the receptacle or ~~other object~~ compartment with a movable member.

3. (Previously Presented) A safety locking mechanism according to claim 2, wherein the characteristic of the damping element is such that as speed increases a superproportionate damping force occurs.

4. (Currently Amended) A safety locking mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the mass is deflectable in two opposing directions, is held in each deflected position by the engaging device, holds the receptacle or other object closed in each deflected position and is directed by the restoring device into the basic position when an

overpressure is applied to the receptacle or ~~other object~~ compartment with a movable member.

5. (Currently Amended) A safety locking mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the safety locking mechanism comprises a second restoring device effective by movement of the receptacle or ~~other object~~ compartment with a movable member from the open into the closed position.